

March 16th, 1896.  
Production of cod-liver oil up till  
March 15th:

Year.	Lofoten.	Other distr.	Total.
1896	2090	1766	3856
95	6467	2242	8709
94	5360	3960	9320
93	12845		
92	5000	Average produc- tion at Lofoten up till middle of Mar. 1887—95, 6263 hl., against 1896, 2090 hl.	
91	3700		
90	6880		
89	4203		
88	9089		
87	2822		

Reports from the fishing grounds are anything but encouraging. At the outside districts fishing has been pretty fair lately, but the oil works situated there are small, and cannot nearly make up for the enormous deficiency at Lofoten. To-day 225 sh. is nominally quoted, but there are hardly sellers at that price.

If this week does not show a marked change at Lofoten, we may look for enormous prices.

March 23rd, 1896.  
Production of cod liver oil up till  
March 23rd:

Year.	Lofoten.	Other distr.	Total.
1896	3968	2393	6361
95	9149	3037	12186
94	6770	5035	11805
93	15528		
92	6600	Average produc- tion at Lofoten up till March 23rd, 1887—95, 9575 hl., against 1896, 3968 hl.	
91	8754		
90	12270		
89	5546		
88	13520		
87	8044		

At Lofoten the fishing continues poor. Fish scarce, and the time is now passed when any improvement may be expected.

From Finmarken favorable prospects have been reported, but all the fishermen staying at Lofoten. Very little will be done at Finmarken till after Lent.

The market has been somewhat easier last week. Foreign importers have apparently filled their most urgent demands, and now await the final result of the Lofoten fishery—even at the risk of having to yield to still higher prices later on. Norwegian exporters seem to be quietly looking forward to the market resuming its former firmness, when the actual deficiency shall be generally known.

Kosotoxin, derived from kouso, is described by Leichtewring (*Apoth. Zeit.*) as a yellowish amorphous powder soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform. It is a powerful muscle poison, but with little influence on the central nervous system.

## Magazines.

The first magazine article on Cuba appears in the *Peterson Magazine* for April. This article treats the subject of the Cuban Revolution with clearness and comprehension, giving not only an outline of the present campaign, but presenting a great deal of general information concerning the people of the brave little island, combined with personal experiences in Cuba of natives and visitors. The illustrations in this article were made especially for the *Peterson Magazine* in Cuba.

The readers of *The Youth's Companion* have a liberal allowance of the good things appropriate to the season in the Easter number just received. Each week's issue has of late made a surprising display of excellence, and the Easter number is good enough to satisfy the paper's readers for a whole month. The calendar promises, however, that there will be four other issues during April. Felix L. Oswald, M.D., a wide-awake physician who has long studied the tendency of the phenomenal growth of the population in cities, gives "Cities of the Future," a realistic picture of a twentieth century city, in the Easter number of *The Youth's Companion*. Doctor Oswald draws a fair conclusion, stating that the development of this country's population can be calculated as accurately as the drift of clouds and winds by our weather bureau. Myron B. Gibson and Mary E. Mitchell both contribute stories of exceptional quality. "Timely and concise editorials," "Justice to Congress," "Belligerent Rights and Neutrality," "Gold Fields, Old and New," and "Current Topics," give the more thoughtful readers of *The Companion* a page of unusual value. Gen. Nelson A. Miles is announced to write an article on "How I Served My Apprenticeship as a Soldier" for the week following the Easter number.

Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee are the subjects of two new and interesting articles in *The Peterson Magazine* for March. The Lincoln matter is contributed by Mr. Frank B. Carpenter, the painter of the celebrated picture, "The Proclamation of Emancipation." The nature of this series of articles and the "Short Life" of Robert E. Lee will be reminiscent, as well as biographical, for both writers were intimately associated with the men whose careers they chronicle. Numerous portraits accompany these articles, and the fact that they are of simultaneous publication in the one magazine render them of noteworthy interest.

For beautiful portraits of prominent people, *The Peterson Magazine* for March excels. "People Talked About," "Among the Players," and "The Musical World," are three departments especially attractive in this respect.

An article on American Art and the National Academy, with reproduction

from famous paintings by native artists, is a feature of *The Peterson Magazine* for March.

The March number of *The Delineator* is called the great spring number, and is especially valuable and interesting because of the early forecast it contains of spring and summer styles and materials for ladies, misses, and children. The first of a series of articles on current events of interest to women, by Mrs. Frederick Rhinelander Jones, appears in this number. Mrs. Oliver Bell Bunce contributes an instructive article on perfumes and other toilet preparations; Lucia Gilbert Runkle brings to the discussion of literature as a profession for women the authority of acknowledged celebrity as a writer. "Mam Julie," an amusing and pathetic dialect sketch of southern life, introduces a new writer to readers of this magazine. Other features include the second paper on the care of the teeth, Edna Witherspoon's tea-table chat, Sara Miller Kirby's kindergarten paper, etc.

Subscription price of *The Delineator*, \$1 per year, or 15 cents per single copy. The Delineator Publishing Co. of Toronto, Limited, Toronto, Ont., 33 Richmond street west.

"THE PLEASURES OF OUTDOOR LIFE."—Birds, insects, ferns, mosses, plants, flowers, stars, planets, etc., are all delightfully written about by the most talented writers in *The Observer*, Portland, Conn. This popular magazine has been greatly enlarged and improved, yet the price is only ten cents a single copy, one dollar a year, as heretofore. Young people, as well as old, will be interested in the attractive pages of this magazine. It is a valuable opening to the wonderland of outdoor life, which, strange to say, is unnoticed by the greater part of mankind.

CURRENT HISTORY.—In these days the events and policies of all nations are so interdependent and interlinked that, without a general knowledge of the world's recent history, it is impossible to have a fair appreciation of that of our own land; while, to estimate properly the events of to-day, we must keep in mind what has occurred in the recent past. Those who desire to keep in touch with the progress of the world in every department of human knowledge and affairs can easily do so if they have at hand *Current History*. Four times in each year this publication presents its readers with a remarkably accurate and interesting history of all important incidents in every part of the world. With the present number (4th quarter, 1895) six years of history are completed.

MISS ALCOTT'S LIFE STORY.—Louisa M. Alcott is said to reveal herself in a most interesting way in a number of letters (written to five little girls) which are to appear in the April *Ladies' Home Journal*. These letters were written during the busiest period of Miss Alcott's life, and present a pen picture of the